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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No. | ACS 64940 (2238D)                |
| First Inventor      | Steve Bigus et al.               |
| Title               | SHEATH FOR SELF-EXPANDING STENTS |
| Express Mail Label  | EV 327058594 US                  |

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)<br/><i>(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)</i></p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status.<br/>See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages <b>24</b>] <br/><i>(preferred arrangement set forth below)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Descriptive title of the invention</li> <li>- Cross Reference to Related Applications</li> <li>- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R &amp; D</li> <li>- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix</li> <li>- Background of the Invention</li> <li>- Brief Summary of the Invention</li> <li>- Brief Description of the Drawings (<i>if filed</i>)</li> <li>- Detailed Description</li> <li>- Claim(s)</li> <li>- Abstract of the Disclosure</li> </ul> </p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets <b>10</b>] <br/><br/>5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages <b>  </b>] <br/>       a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) <br/>       b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) <br/><i>(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</b> <br/>Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76</p> | <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)</p> <p>8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission <br/><i>(if applicable, all necessary)</i></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF)</p> <p>b. Specification Sequence Listing on:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper</li> </ul> </p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statements verifying identity of above copies</p> |
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Prior application information: Examiner **Urmil Chattpadhyay** Group / Art Unit: **3738**

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| Group Art Unit       | Prior: 3738                |
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